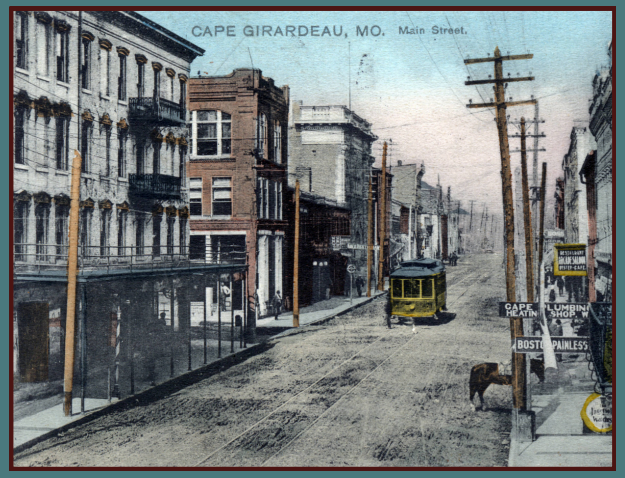
# Welcome to the 2nd Annual Cape Folk Fest!

### Why a Folk Fest?

Throughout history, people have come together to create art which memorializes their experiences. As a historian I am espeically intrigued by American folk music, an artform rooted in old-world sounds and shaped by countless stories over time and space. Folk songs are about the human condition, often with themes of love, loss, and hopes for a better life.

The Mississippi River Valley stands at a cultural crossroads of musical influences and the geographical center for a 21st century folk revival. I'm glad you are here to help celebrate this rich tradition of our region!

*Courtney Kisat*
*"Event Shaper"*




# EVENTS

## History Talks

**Local History & The Power of Place**
*Dr. Adam Criblez will speak to the cultural significance of the region and the importance of local, place-based history.*

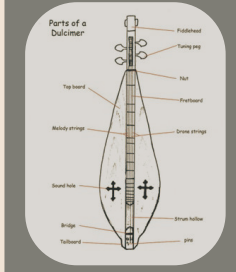
**Mississippi River Steamboat History**
*Dr. Courtney Kisat will tell a few stories about steamboat victories and calamities near Cape Girardeau.*

## Don Greenwood Interview

Local folk artist Don Greenwood is known for his humorous songwriting and fine illustrations.

Don will talk about his experiences in and around the Cape Girardeau art scene, along with pieces selected for this exhibition. You can also see Don's artwork displayed around town, especially at Port Cape.

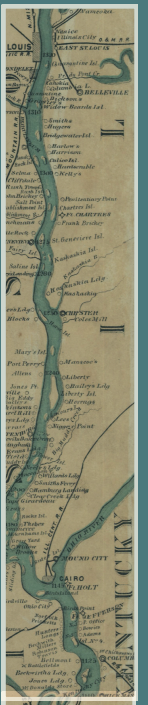
## The Dulcimer
## A true American folk instrument

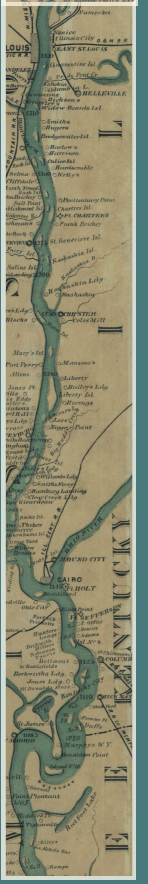



Pierce Yates will talk about his journey in building and playing the dulcimer and demonstrate its unique sound.

## Missourado

Husband-and-wife duo Jason Heeter and Jessie Schupbach perform acoustic music with notable Americana and Indie-folk influences , characterized by their captivating harmonies and finesse on guitars.





## Mel Pupillo Trio

With Mel Pupillo on guitar, Joe Pupillo on upright bass, and Sean Kamery on fiddle, this group brings expert musicianship and thoughtful songwriting to the stage with their folksy yet rousing blend of songs.

## Swamp Boys

Hailing from southern Illinois, Josiah Evans on banjo, Jaaron Evans on guitar/fiddle, Matthew Evans on guitar, and Tanner Troutman on standup bass bring a hard-driving acoustic sound.

## Outdoor Activities

Tie dye booth - bring your own shirt to dye, or purchase one from our merch booth !

Make & Take Activities- visit the kids' table for a range of old-style toys to decorate and take home!

## Food & Drink

Watt's Knots - visit the food truck for delicious pretzels and cold drinks!

Visit the cash bar inside for alcohol. Patrons must provide ID.

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FOLK ART DEMOS & HISTORY TALKS

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| 4:00PM | LOCAL HISTORY & THE POWER OF PLACE |
| 4:30PM | DON GREENWOOD INTERVIEW |
| 5:00PM | MISSISSIPPI RIVER STEAMBOAT HISTORY |
| 5:30PM | DULCIMER DEMONSTRATION |

LIVE MUSIC!

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| 6:00PM | MISSOURADO |
| 7:30PM | THE MEL PUPILLO TRIO |
| 9:00PM | SWAMP BOYS |

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